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## The Concert Of Sacred Music Takes Place Sunday, May 14

The Fiftieth Annual Concert of Sacred Music by the students of The Northfield Schools will be given at the Auditorium Sunday, May 14 at 3 p. m. The choruses will be directed by Miss Marian Keller and Mr. Albert R. Raymond and the orchestras by Mr. Milton J. Aronson. The accompanists will be Miss Keller, Miss Viva Faye Richardson, and Mr. Carlton L. Hommedieu.

It is of interest to note that the original concert was given on May 13, 1895, and that the 1944 Anniversary will be celebrated only one day later. Several numbers on the original program have been repeated in recent years and many of them were written by members of Northfield's musical circle of that day. Composers whose names appear on the original program included Mrs. May Whittle Moody George Stebbins, Ira D. Sankey, James McGranahan, and P. P. Bliss. Besides the Estey Chorus the Mount Hermon Glee Club and the large school choruses, the singers included Mrs. Moody, Miss Philips, Mr. Philips, and the Moody Choir.

The program for the Fiftieth Annual Concert will be published in full in our next issue.

The program will not be broadcast and no tickets will be required for admission to the Auditorium. It is hoped to have the public address system in operation so that the overflow audience, if any can be accommodated outside the building.

Three more county towns have announced their tax rates: Warwick, \$35; Conway, \$28, and Gill \$18, all the same as last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Shearer of the Farms noted their 40th wedding anniversary on Thursday April 20, and that evening were entertained by a family party when supper was served and wedding cakes were cut. Congratulations were in order and extended by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray of Winchester Road entertained a large party of friends at their home on Tuesday evening, the 25th, in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary.

## Befriend British Boy Sem Students Adopt Mrs. Kirk Foster Parent

Through the Foster Parents plan for War children, the students of the Seminary, with Mrs. Emily S. Kirk, as the foster parent befriended a young English lad, who had suffered the misfortunes of war. Now the boy in his eleventh year has been adopted and his expense will be met by the students. Jack Wightman is his name and



he is placed in one of the project places in England where he will be carefully provided for. He is a promising boy and is one of 20,000 children which are being cared for by the society in its many locations. These children come from several of the allied nations which have suffered the torture of war and its consequences and many are provided for by generous Americans and institutions. There are forty-one locations for the projects. Jack's father was killed early in the war and his mother was made homeless later, both as the result of bombing raids. While the boy is frail and extremely nervous, he is developing physically and thrives at work or at play. He is studying hard and making excellent progress and hopes to reflect

## Nine Schools Enter Hermon Track Meet

Nine preparatory schools have indicated their intention to participate in the Mount Hermon Interscholastic Track Meet Saturday, May 20th, according to an announcement by Director Axel B. Forsland. Last year there were four schools participating in the meet, which was won by Mount Hermon. The meet this year has been advanced ten days because of the advanced date of graduation, which comes May 27th.

The spring sports schedule began April 22, when Kimball Union came here to play lacrosse. The remainder of the varsity schedule is as follows:

April 29: baseball, Vermont academy at Mount Hermon; tennis, Vermont academy at Mount Hermon; track, Mount Hermon at Vermont academy, and lacrosse, Mount Hermon at Kimball Union. May 3: lacrosse, Deerfield academy at Mount Hermon; May 6: baseball, Mount Hermon at Deerfield academy (tentative); lacrosse, Mount Hermon at Williams freshmen tennis, Mount Hermon at Williston academy, and track, Mount Hermon at Deerfield.

May 13: baseball, Williston academy at Mount Hermon, lacrosse, Mount Hermon at Deerfield academy; tennis, Williston academy at Mount Hermon, and track, Williston academy at Mount Hermon. May 20: baseball, Mount Hermon at Williston academy; tennis, Mount Hermon at Deerfield academy (tentative), and track, interscholastic meet at Mount Hermon, and May 26: baseball, Deerfield academy at Mount Hermon.

It is reported that Mrs. Charles E. Leach has purchased the Fayette Howard residence on Maple Street and will make considerable improvements.

Credit upon those who have aided him in these his early days. His "adopted" parents are kept fully informed of his activities and progress in life. The Seminary students are doing a fine job in caring for this boy and Mrs. Kirk assumes a gratifying responsibility. If ever Jack should find his way to Northfield and visit the Seminary, he would be given an ovation by the girls.

## TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Allen H. Wright has reopened her home on Main Street since her return from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence White and young son in Boston.

Mrs. Lena Moor of Birnam Road who has spent the winter with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke at Thompsonville, Conn., is expected at her home for the summer season early in May.

Mrs. Ellis E. Jones followed a recent visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mahoney at Akron, Ohio, with a visit with her sister and family, Rev. and Mrs. Noah Hess of Lancaster, Pa., and with her brother, Alfred Smalley at Swarthmore, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Durgin were recent visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle. On her way to her home in New Haven, Mrs. Durgin visited her daughter, Helen, who is a junior at Mount Holyoke college.

At the recent annual meeting of the local Fish and Game club, Donald Truesdell was elected President, Luckey O. Clapp, vice-president, Mrs. Helen Stearns, treasurer, and Miss Edna Bistrek, secretary.

Mrs. Selah Harriman has reopened her home on Main Street after a stay with friends in Belknap Falls, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Harris of Providence, R. I., and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson of Tottenville, N. Y., have returned to their homes after spending a week at their cottages on Rustic Ridge.

The sum of \$125 was realized from the play of the Northfield Teachers club "Charity Begins" at the Town Hall recently which will go to the fund of the projector outfit for Center school.

Miss Bernice Webster of New York has returned to her teaching after having spent the Easter school vacation with her mother and sister here.

The Grange has invited members of the Garden club to attend an agricultural meeting at the Grange Hall on Tuesday evening, May 9.

Local fishermen who went out for the nimble trout when the season opened on the fifteenth found the weather decidedly unfavorable wet and cold and the fish well fed bite. Fishing has lost some of its by the running waters refused to charm these days.

At the recent meeting of the County Hermon club held in Greenfield recently Merritt C. Skilton was elected vice-president and George Lawrence of Mount Hermon was chosen secretary-treasurer. Robert Parmenter of Amherst was named president.

Alfred J. Higgins of Boston representing the Republican State committee, called on members of the local Republican committee last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eastman of Woodville, N. H., were recent visitors of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Eastman at their home on Winchester Road.

Mrs. L. R. Alexander of Winchester Road has been spending some time with her daughter, Miss Lillian Alexander in Boston.

Miss Nellie R. Nye, who has spent the winter in St. Petersburg Florida is expected at her home here in a few days.

Mrs. Ellis E. Jones will attend the Continental Congress of the D. A. R. which will hold its annual sessions in New York. She will represent the Brattleboro Chapter.

Miss Betty Phelps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Phelps of Main Street, is making a steady recovery from an appendicitis operation at the Franklin County hospital.

Dr. William E. Park went to Brunswick, Maine Sunday, April 23 and was the speaker that evening at Bowdoin college.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors for the many gifts and cards sent to us on the occasion of our fiftieth wedding anniversary.

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We desire to express our appreciation to the many friends of this community, and to the members of the Unitarian church, who so thoughtfully arranged the public reception accorded us at the time of the fiftieth anniversary of our wedding. We gratefully acknowledge the many greetings, by letter and by card and also for the splendid gifts received. Again we say "thank you all".

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Kidder

## Primaries On Tuesday Showed Little Interest

The primaries for the choice of delegates to the various political conventions, choice of state committee members and election of town committees was held on Tuesday in the Town Hall with the polls open from 2 to 8 o'clock. Only a total of 46 votes were cast of which 37 were Republican and 9 were Democratic. There was no competition.

The Republican Town committee chosen are William F. Hoehn, George W. Carr, Dorothy L. Miller, Ernest A. Parker, Lizette L. Vorce, Fred I. Bolton, Joseph W. Field, F. Wilton Dean, Sidney Given, and Samuel E. Walker. The Democratic committee lists Harry L. Gingras, Flora C. Abbey, William H. Dalton and John T. Callaghan with six vacancies to be filled, since each committee shall consist of ten members.

Both the Republican and Democratic committees will meet within ten days after June 1st for the purpose of organization and the election of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

## Dies In Florida City

Information arrived in Northfield this week of the death of Miss Jennie Haight, last Sunday, April 23, at Deland, Florida, where she has spent the winter season for the past several years. She was born in Canada and was about 76 years of age. For a long time she was a member of the faculty of the Seminary and had many friends in this community, especially in the Congregational church with which she identified. The funeral services and burial were in Deland on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G. Moody who have spent the winter months at Lake Alfred, Florida are now expected home. They visited at Princeton, N. J., with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Loos coming back.

## Congregational Church

Sunday: Church school at 10. Classes for all. Morning worship at 11. Sermon by Rev. Edward C. Dahl, pastor. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Leaders William Greenwood and David Powell.

On Tuesday, from 7:30 to 9:30, the church will hold a reception, in the vestry for Mr. Dahl. The community are cordially invited.

On Wednesday, the Women's Missionary Society will hold their annual meeting in the church vestry at 3.

On Thursday, the Ladies' Sewing Society will hold their all day meeting. This will be the annual meeting, and at 2 there will be a sale of articles. Weekly prayer meeting at 7:30. Choir rehearsal at 8:30.

Communion service will follow the morning worship next Sunday.

## Unitarian Church

Service Sunday, 10:45 a. m. morning worship, sermon by Rev. Arthur Heeb, minister, topic, "Transient Days and Permanent Years". Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed choir leader and organist. Churen school at 10. Mrs. Carroll H. Miller, supt. A cordial welcome extended to all.

On Sunday, May 7, Youth Sunday will be observed with service of worship, choir and sermons conducted by the young people of the parish. At 3:30 p. m., May 7, the Connecticut Valley Spring Conference will be held at Northampton. Delegates and young people of the parish will attend. Women's Alliance topic, Social Service, Laymen, Church Administration, Youth, Education in Freedom.

The Women's Alliance meets May 13 at the home of Mrs. Frank Williams.

Kenneth Miller, who heads the Community Chest in Indianapolis Ind., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Miller over last weekend, enroute to attend a conference in New York City.

## Free Methodist Church

On Sunday at 10:30 a. m. morning worship with preaching by the pastor, Mrs. Helen Bassett Dahl, pastor. Christian Endeavor at 11:15 Sunday school, Mrs. Gladys Edson, supt.

Tuesday evening, missionary meeting.

Wednesday evening, cottage prayer meeting. Both of these services are to be held at the home of Mrs. Florence Jones.

Friday afternoon, junior missionary meeting at the home of Helen Bassett. The public is cordially invited to these services.

Mrs. Joseph W. Field entertained members of the Book club at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

A daughter was born to Lt. and Mrs. Philip Cavanaugh of the Farms on Sunday, April 23, at the Franklin County hospital, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Newton of the Farms and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cavanaugh of Millers Falls.

The county association of Congregational churches will hold its spring meeting at the Congregational church at Turners Falls on Sunday with sessions beginning at 3:30 and an evening meeting following a supper served at 6.

Pfc. Kenneth Franz is enjoying a 14 day furlough at his home here.

Dr. Glover Johnson of Mount Hermon will supply the Congregational church here as interim pastor after the departure of Rev. Edward C. Dahl to take up his work in Brattleboro.

A second diphtheria clinic will be held at the Town Hall Saturday at three o'clock with Mrs. Dean Williams, town nurse, in charge.

Several members of the local Brotherhood attended the meeting of the County Federation of church brotherhoods held at the Second Congregational church in Greenfield on Monday evening April 24, when Dr. H. Hughes Wagner of Trinity church, Springfield, was guest speaker.



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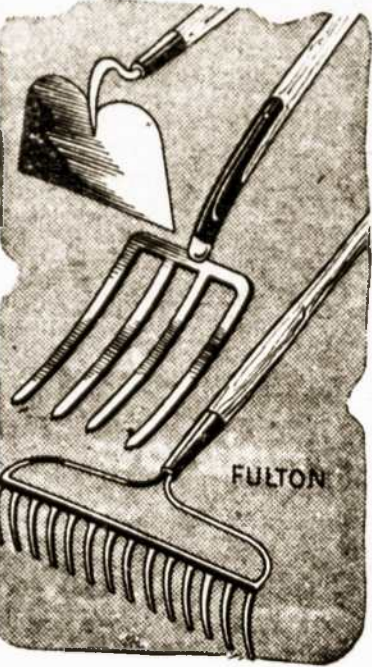
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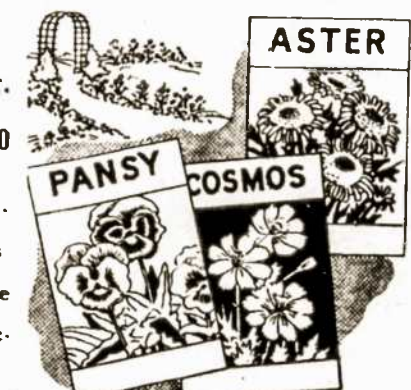
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## Heselton Announces For Congress Will Receive Considerable Support



John W. Heselton of Greenfield has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for Congress to succeed Congressman Allen T. Treadway who retired. Mr. Heselton is the district attorney for this section and has had a prominent place in the political activities of western Massachusetts. He has also headed the Civilian Defense efforts of this section. He is a lawyer by profession and maintains his own office in Greenfield. He has served Deerfield as a selectman and at one time was president of the Selectmen's Association of the state. He is a trustee of Deerfield academy and of the Greenfield Savings Bank. A native of Gardiner, Maine, born in 1900, he was educated in the schools there, graduated from Amherst college and from Harvard Law school. He has been active in civic affairs of various kinds. His many friends in Northfield will accord him an enthusiastic support.

### Insurance Extended War Damage Policies

Arthur P. Fitt, local insurance agent, informs us that the War Damage Corporation has publicly announced that all war damage insurance policies in force on March 31 shall be considered by the corporation as having been automatically extended for another year from the date of expiration without the payment of any additional premium or charges. No renewal application is necessary for this extended insurance. A number of losses have occurred up to date on war damage and about 300 claims have arisen as a result of the explosion of the destroyer "Turner" in New York Harbor last January. Considerable property in Northfield is protected by war damage insurance.

### West Northfield Boy Awarded Air Medal

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Stacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy of West Northfield, has received the Air Medal for exceptional and meritorious achievement while participating in five separate missions over Europe. He is a turret gunner and engineer on a heavy bomber. He has sent his decoration to his parents. Sgt. Stacy is 20 years old, a graduate of Northfield High school in 1942 and enlisted in the fall of that year. The citation was signed by command of Lt. Gen. Doolittle. Sgt. Stacy is stationed in England.

### Charles O'Clair Dies

Charles A. O'Clair, a former resident of this town for 43 years, died Monday, April 17 at the home of his daughter in Hinsdale, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Herbe J. Levasseur, with whom he has resided for the past three years. He had a long period of failing health and was 90 years of age. He was born in Quebec, Canada and was one of eight children of Frank and Olive O'Clair. He came to the United States about 78 years ago. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Levasseur of Hinsdale, Mrs. Mae Stone of Northfield and Mrs. Mabel Eaton of New York city. There are three sons, Fred of Sacramento, Calif., George of New York city, and Frank W. of Springfield. Funeral services were the following Thursday morning from St. Joseph's church with Rev. Thomas W. Cushing officiating and burial was in St. Ann's cemetery in Turners Falls.

### West Northfield South Vernon

Mrs. Ada Maria Newton, town clerk of Vernon since 1916, died after a brief illness at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital on Saturday night, April 15, at the age of 65 years. She was also a former representative in the Vermont Legislature. Funeral services were the following Tuesday at the Vernon Union church with Rev. E. E. Jones officiating. Burial was in Tyler cemetery.

Miss Alma Dunklee, who has recently been confined to her home with laryngitis, has now fully recovered.

Bernard Barnes of Indian Orchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barnes, has been accepted for the navy.

Mrs. George E. Tyler, who has spent the winter at the Vernon home, returned Saturday to her home on the Pond road.

Corp. John Wozniak, Jr., has been transferred from Texas to Camp Pawche, La.

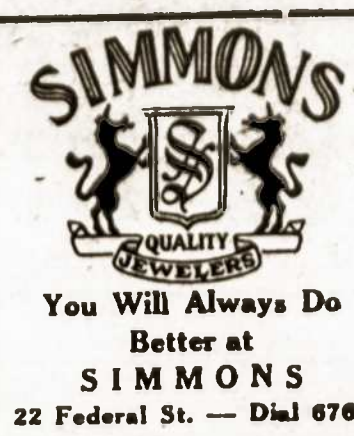
Mrs. Addie Laplante and grand daughter, Mary Laplante, have returned home from Hartford, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gibson have received word that their son, Corp. Paul Gibson, has arrived in England. He is in a bombing squadron of the army air force.

### High School News

The honor parts for graduation were recently announced by the Principal. First honor was won by Karlene Tyler. Second honor by Betty Phelps. These pupils will speak at graduation June 15th. The other seniors will participate in the class night activities. The third and fourth honors were won by Fay Warnock and Nellie Brasor respectively.

Pan-American Day was observed by the school recently. The Junior class presented an assembly and the following pupils participated: Paul Gorzowski, Rua Jones, Norma Leach, Lula Marshall, June Cota, Neil Churchill, Elizabeth Browning, Helen Kozlowski.

The baseball club recently elected William Shattuck as captain and Robert Johnson business man-



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52-54 ELLIOT STREET BRATTLEBORO

## LATCHIS MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Mat. 2:15 - Eve. 6:30-8:30 Sunday at 6:20 - 8:30

Continuous Show Saturdays	Fri.-Sat. April 28-29
Fri.-Sat. April 28-29	YANKS AHOY William Tracy—Joe Sawyer Also: DEERSLAYER
Kay Kyser—Marilyn Maxwell	Sun.-Mon. Apr. 30-May 1
	GANG'S ALL HERE Alice Faye—Phil Baker
Sun.-Wed. Apr. 30-May 1-3	Tuesday Only May 2
SEE HERE PVT. HARGROVE Robert Walker—Donna Reed	LIFE BOAT Tallulah Bankhead, Wm. Bendix
Thur.-Sat. May 4-6	Wed.-Thur. May 3-4
LADIES COURAGEOUS Loretta Young Geraldine Fitzgerald	WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE Jack Benny—Ann Sheridan
	Fri.-Sat. May 5-6
	MOON OVER LAS VEGAS Anne Gwynne—David Bruce